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1. During its weekly meeting of 18 - 25 July 1953, the National Executive Committee of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) discussed the arrest of PSP members in Palma Soriano, Cuba, for illegal possession of arms. It was the feeling of those present that the Party had suffered great damage in the eyes of the public as a result of the accusations that the PSP was conspiring with the Partido del Pueblo Cubano (PPC, Ortodoxo) and the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (PRC, Autentico) against the BATISTA government. A warning was issued to all provincial, municipal, and national leaders to proceed with great caution and avoid exposing themselves to arrest. Meanwhile, work is to continue on the formulation of Party plans to launch its own revolution when an opportunity is presented by revolutionary action of opposition groups.
2. The Party is highly pleased with the work of Lazaro PENA in the labor union field and with the reports he has been presenting at the weekly meetings of the PSP National Executive Committee. An agreement was made to address a special communication to all Communist labor leaders, charging them to maintain constant contact with the Party's National Labor Committee, headed by PENA, to take no action without seeking his counsel, and to study the articles concerning labor matters written by PENA.
3. The committee members agreed that immediate action must be taken by Party units to organize the discontented railroad workers, who, the PSP believes, are in great danger of losing hard-won social privileges. The Party will work through and support the Comité Central de Lucha y Unidad de la Estacion Terminal de Ferrocarriles. Through organization of sectional committees among all delegations of the Railroad Brotherhood, the PSP plans to make the Comité Central de Lucha y Unidad into a national entity, and a national meeting of all railroad leaders is planned for the near future for this purpose.

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4. Committee members were displeased over the recent publication of a letter from the United States Department of State replying to assertions that the BATISTA government is pro-Communist. The main reasons for their dismay were: (1), the possible effect on Cuban public opinion resulting from publicity describing a government of little popular appeal as a friend of the Communists or supporting the Communists; and (2), the fact that the Party's machinations through the new Partido Accion Unitaria (PAU) should be made public knowledge.
5. Meetings of the Juventud Socialista (JS, Cuban Communist Youth) are to be organized throughout Cuba for the purpose of acquainting the young people of different political beliefs with the results of the International Youth Congress, recently concluded in Vienna, Austria, and to unite Cuban youth into a movement called Juventud Progresista y Democratica, to fight for the rights of youth.

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